member countries to counter threats to peace, security and stability of the region.

(c) This was the first meeting attended by India as Observer.

Membership of OIC

2570. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Organisation of Islamic Countries had invited Russia to join it with an observer status; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to seek membership for India with the said organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Participation of Indian Navy in Proliferation Security Initiative

2571. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy would participate in the United States sponsored Proliferation Security Initiative;

(b) whether Government had conveyed its decision to participate in the said initiative; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has been no formal invitation to India to join the Proliferation Security Initiative so far.

(c) Does not arise.

G-8 Global Arms Exporters' Report

2572. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come across a report titled "The G-8: Global Arms Exporters" released by Amnesty and Oxfam, on the alleged export of arms by G-8 countries to oppressive regimes are used to suppress human rights;